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Attorney Docket No. 501

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of:)
Sunil Tomar et al.)
Serial No.: 09/660,837) Group Art Unit: Unassigned
Filed: September 14, 2000) Examiner: Unassigned
For: METHODS AND APPARATUSES FOR)
SERIAL TRANSFER OF SONET FRAMED)
DATA BETWEEN MULTIPLE)
COMPONENTS OF A SONET SYSTEM)

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

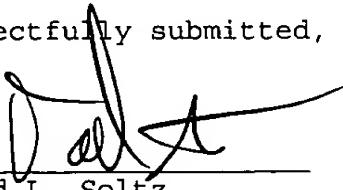
Sir:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants hereby petition for a two-month extension of time to respond to the Decision Refusing Status Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a) dated May 29, 2001. Please charge the extension fee of \$400.00 to our Deposit Account No. 50-0308.

If there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of this Petition, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 not accounted for above, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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